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1. REFTEL REPORTED EMBASSY'S CONCLUSION THAT ENTRY INTO USIS BUILDING BY ETHIOPIAN SECURITY POLICE WAS BREACH OF INVOLABILITY OWED TO DIPLOMATIC PREMISES. EMBASSY CITED ARTICLE 22 VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

2. AS A GENERAL RULE, DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS USIS BUILDINGS, INCLUDING LIBRARY, INTEGRAL PART OF DIPLOMATIC PREMISES. THEREFORE, USIS PROPERTY FALLS WITHIN DEFINITION OF "PREMISES OF THE MISSION" CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 1(I) OF VIENNA CONVENTION. IT IS OF COURSE INCUMBENT ON DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO INFORM RECEIVING STATE OF NUMBER AND LOCATION OF BUILDINGS IT CONSIDERS TO BE PART OF DIPLOMATIC PREMISES. IN THE UNITED STATES SUCH BUILDINGS ARE USUALLY INCLUDED IN THE DIPLOMATIC BLUE LIST OR SIMILAR PUBLICATION.

3. IF EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT EXPRESS OR TACIT UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN REACHED WITH GOE CONCERNING STATUS OF USIS

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BUILDINGS AS PART OF DIPLOMATIC PREMISES, THEN EMBASSY

AUTHORIZED FORWARD APPROPRIATE PROTEST IN RESPONSE TO VIOLATION OF THE PREMISES. DEPARTMENT LEAVES TO EMBASSY'S DISCRETION MENTION OF US-ETHIOPIAN TREATY OF AMITY AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS AS FURTHER SUPPORT FOR POINTS MENTIONED ABOVE. SISCO

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